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## Trade Update – Semiconductors & Pharmaceuticals

The Trump administration has launched new investigations into imports of semiconductors and pharmaceuticals, aiming to impose tariffs based on national security concerns. These probes, initiated by the Commerce Department under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, are part of a broader push to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign production and bring critical manufacturing—like chips and drug ingredients—back to the U.S. The public has 21 days to submit comments, and a final decision is expected within 270 days, though it could come sooner.

Semiconductors were recently exempted from the 145% tariffs on Chinese imports, but new, separate duties are likely. While this could lead to higher costs and temporary supply chain strain, the intent is to strengthen domestic production capabilities over time. Most expect the situation to be negotiated, but this move reinforces the administration’s commitment to reshoring key industries for national security resilience.

## Tariff Clarification Issued – Semiconductors Officially Exempt from New Trade Duties

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On April 5, 2025, the White House confirmed that semiconductors and related products are officially exempt from the new tariff hikes under Executive Order 14257 and its follow-up orders. This means that any duties collected on semiconductor imports after April 5 will be refunded by U.S. Customs, following standard procedures.

This exemption applies to a specific list of goods under designated HTS codes, now formally added to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule. The move is part of the administration's broader effort to address the U.S. trade deficit through reciprocal tariffs, while protecting critical tech sectors.

 Read the full Presidential Memorandum here:  
[White House – Presidential Memoranda on Semiconductor Tariff Exemptions](#)

## TRADE WAR 2025 - Stay Up To Date

The latest round of tariffs is reshaping global supply chains—again. With 145% duties on many Chinese goods now in effect and additional targeted tariffs under active investigation, U.S. importers face rising costs and tighter compliance demands. The focus has shifted to sectors like semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and electronics, with new probes signaling more changes ahead.

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